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A MESSAGE SENT  
TO THE  
**PARLIAMENT**  
FROM

The Members of the House of Commons at *Colchester*,  
informing them of the Passages there, how the multi-  
tude doth daily increase, and have plundered the Lady  
*Rivers* house at *Colchester*, and taken from her the value  
of forty thousand pound in Money, Plate, Jewels, and  
other things of great worth; threatening moreover  
to plunder all the Papists houses in *Essex*, con-  
ceiving them to be the causers of the  
present distractions.

*Likewise the coming of the Earl of Southampton the Ear  
of Dorset. and Sr. Iohn Culpeper to both Houses  
concerning the withdrawing their present forces.*

Also a true Relation of the manner of taking *Dover*  
Castle on *wednesday* night *Aug. 25.* by the  
Earl of *Warwick* and *M. Dukes.*

And the taking of a ship that came from *Spaine* by the  
Earle of *Warwick* with 600000 pound, seized upon at  
*Sonthampton* for the use of the *Parliament*, and  
Ordered to be brought up to *LONDON.*

Joh. Brown, Cler. Parl.

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TO THE  
**PARLIAMENT**  
FROM

The Members of the House of Commons at Calcutta,  
informing & thanking the Parliament, how the under-  
take has been increased, and have plundered the Lady  
& the House at Calcutta, & the House at Calcutta  
of forty thousand pounds in Money, & the House  
other things of great worth; & the House at Calcutta  
to plunder the House at Calcutta, & the House at Calcutta  
ceiving & plundering the House at Calcutta,  
the House at Calcutta.

And the House of the East of Southampton the East  
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Also a true Relation of the manner of taking the  
Castle on Wednesday night, 25. by the  
English Army, & the French Army.

And the taking of a ship at Calcutta, & the taking  
of a ship at Calcutta, & the taking of a ship at Calcutta,  
Ordered to be brought up to the House.

John Brown, Clerk of the House.

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**A MESSAGE SENT FROM**  
*Colchester* to the Parliament, informing them of  
the Passages there, and how the multitude doth  
daily increase, and have plundered the *Lady*  
*Rivers* her house, taking away from her the  
value of forty thousand pound in money,  
plate, iewels, and many other things  
of great worth,  
*And how they threaten to plunder all the Papists*  
*houses in that Countrey.*

Also a true Relation of the manner of taking  
*Dover Castle* on wednesday night *Aug. 24.*  
by the Earl of *Warwick* and *M. Dukes.*



He Houses of Par-  
liament have recei-  
ved information fro  
*Sir Thomas Baring-*  
*ton* and *M. Grim-*  
*ston*, that were sent  
to *Colchester* in *Es-*  
*sex*, that the multi-  
tude of people that  
gathered themselves  
together by occasion of *Sir John Lucas* his  
providing

providing of horse and ammunition to send to His Majesty, were very much increased, and that they were so much incensed against the Papists, and others ill-affected to the Parliament, that they could not appease them, and that they have plundered the Lady Rivers her house at Colchester, and have spoiled and taken away from her in money, plate, jewels, and other things of value, to the sum of forty thousand pound, without giving out speeches, and threatening to plunder all the Papists in that County, which (they conceived) were the causes of all these troubles and distractions in the Kingdome, and were the occasions that they, their wives and children were brought into great want and extremity, (by the great decay of trading) and for that they have plotted the ruine and destruction of this Kingdome. The occasion of this multitudes gathering together in this manner was as followeth.

Upon Friday last being the six and twentieth day of August, the House of Commons received a Letter from the Mayor of Colchester directed to M. John Pym of the House of Commons, declaring the fidelity and good affection of the inhabitants of the said town of Colchester and other townes thereabouts in that good service they performed for the King and Parliament in taking away the great store of armes and ammunition that were found in the dwelling



ling house of Sir John Lucas neere Colchester, and how that a great many Muskets, Pistols, and Carbines were found ready charged; all which was discovered by one Captain Lumley, who forthwith informed the towne thereof; upon whose information the whole towne rose in a great uproare, and within a small time about two thousand people were gathered together, who forthwith beset the house of the said Sir John Lucas, but were denied entrance for a time; whereupon the people were so enraged, that they demanded entrance without delay: they that were within the house perceiving the multitude without to be too great for them to make opposition against, opened the gates, where after they had entred, they found twelve Horses fitted for warre, that should have gone to the King the next day, and two hundred men: Diverse of them being examined concerning the occasion of their being there, would confesse nothing, but said that they were sworn to secrecie: the people hearing this answer, were further enraged against Sir John Lucas, insomuch that the Maior was enforced to carrie him home to his own house, to keep him from the violence of the people: Herewithall the people were no whit satisfied, but rather the more enraged (resolving either to have him out, or els they threatned to pull downe the Maiors house) untill he had sent him

to the common Good. The people yet are in great feare and amazement, and continue together in great multitudes, and will not returne to their habitations untill they have further satisfaction concerning him. The Maior not knowing what course to take with the people, nor how to pacifie them, sent with all speed to know the pleasure of the Parliament concerning the same. After some debate of it in the House of Commons, they desired a Conference with the Lords, where the said Letter was read, and thereupon the Lords and Commons ordered, that Sir *Thomas Barrington*, and M. *Grimstone* should goe with all speed downe to *Colchester* to appease the people, and to give them thanks for their good affection, and forwardnesse to assist the Parliament, declaring to them, that the House took it as an acceptable service, desiring them to depart to their owne houses.

Upon wednesday night last the foure and twentie of August, one M. *Dukes* a Merchant that was intrusted for the securing of the Castle of *Dover* in *Kent*, caused ten men, armed with swords and Muskets ready charged, to climb up a steep rock (in the dead time of the night) and to draw up scaling ladders after them, to scale the wals of the Castle, to take it and keep it for the King and Parliament. After they had scaled the wals and got into the Castle,

file, these ten Muskietiers, went to the Court of Guard, consisting but of foure men, who at the sudden appearance of these ten men were so amazed, that they seemed to be in a trance, and demanding of them who kept the keyes of the gate, for feare they directed them to the Porter who kept the keyes, and knocking at his chamber doore, they commanded him to deliver up the keyes to them for the service of the King and Parllament: at first he denied, saying, he would not: whereupon they would have broke open the door, and withall threatning to shoot him, unlesse he would deliver up the keyes: at length he gave them the keyes, and presently they went to the gate and sent post to the Earle of *Warwick*, who lay nigh *Dover* with his ships, and immediately sent them threescore Muskietiers, besides forty Muskietiers more ready prepared which were sent from the Citizens of *Canterbury*, who immediately tooke the Castle for the use and service of the King and Parllament, turning out all those whom they suspected to be ill-affected to the Parllament. Not above two dayes after, upon Friday the 26. of August, the Parllament received information of a ship coming from *Spaine* with 600000. pound coming to *Portsmouth*, and finding no means to arrive there by reason of the ships which the Earle of *Warwick* had laid before the towne, and perceiving no possibility



billity of escaping, being defcried by the Old  
ships, they struck into Southampton, pretending  
that they came with other merchandize, but  
being searched, little was found therein but  
Bullion, which they said was to be coyned here  
and so it is thought it shall; for, the Parlia-  
ment have made stay thereof, and ordered that  
it shall be brought to London.

His Maiesty was graciously pleased to let the  
Houses understand, that if they will withdraw  
their forces, and nominate a Committee to  
treat with others chosen by him, he is willing  
to stand to such a treaty of pacification they  
shall agree on.

The Lords and Commons in Parliament  
declare, That all such persons as shall, upon any  
pretence whatsoever, assist His Maiesty in this  
Warre, with Horse, Arms, Plate or Money,  
are Traytors to His Maiesty, the Parliament  
and Kingdome, and shall be brought to con-  
digne punishment for so high an offence.

*Ordered to be forthwith printed & published,*

Joh. Brown Cleric. Parliament.

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